



*The Collaborative
Outreach & Training
Committee Presents Free
Educational Seminars for
Family Members Caring
for Children and Adults
with Developmental
Disabilities*



*A Cooperative Partnership
between:*

*Montgomery County
Department of
Health & Human Services,
Aging & Disability Services,
Community Support Network
240-777-1216*

240-777-1217 TTY

and

*Jewish Social Service Agency
301-990-6880*

REGISTRATION FOR SEMINARS

Registration is required for all participants in the seminars. Registration assists the Committee with providing the necessary materials for each seminar and making them available to participants. To register, please call 240-777-1216. Please be sure to leave your name, phone number, and the title of the seminar you wish to attend. You may register for more than one seminar during that one phone call. You will receive a confirmation phone call at the phone number you provide prior to the day of the seminar. Participants who do not register but arrive for the seminar will be admitted based on space availability.

CHECK IN AND SEATING

Check in and seating for all seminars is between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All seminars will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Out of consideration for our speakers, plan to arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION

*Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, First Floor—Tan Conference Room*

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

DHHS is located 2 blocks north of the Rockville Metro stop along Route 355.

From the south: take 355 north through the intersection at Beall Avenue. The building is red brick with black windows and will be on your right, just beyond the Chevy Chase Bank.

From the north: take 355 south past Montgomery College and the Board of Education. Go through the traffic light at Washington Street (Giant Food store will be on the left). At the next light, turn left into the office building (#451) parking lot. Make an immediate right. The building is red brick with black windows and will be on your left.

Parking is free. Please park in the visitor parking spaces in front or around the sides of the building. There is additional visitor parking on the top level of the parking deck directly behind the building.

OTHER NEEDED SERVICES

If you need any aides or services to participate in this series, please contact 240-777-1216 at least one week prior to the seminar date.

CANCELLATIONS & WEATHER POLICY

In the event that a seminar is cancelled, a Committee staff person will call each registered participant and notify them of the cancellation. We are unable to notify participants of changes in the seminar without a phone number given during registration. Seminars will automatically be cancelled due to inclement weather when Montgomery County Public Schools are closed or dismissed early on the day of the seminar.

Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Benefits Specialist(s) from Independence Now

The presenter(s) will provide information on the difference between SSI and SSDI as well as how to incorporate Social Security work incentives into the transition plan and how work incentives can help a young person go to work and be self sufficient.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, October 17, 2005.

Caring for the Caregiver

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Caregivers and a Representative from the National Family Caregivers Association

The presenters will speak on concerns that caregivers have regarding caregiver issues such as health, resources, and caregiver burnout.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, November 7, 2005.

Preventing Victimization

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Detective Scott Wyne, Fraud Unit MCPD & Lieutenant James Humphries, Family Crimes Division MCPD

The presenters will provide information on identity theft, sexual abuse, and victimization issues. Both gentlemen will present current issues, steps to take in order to prevent victimization and what to do if your loved one is a victim.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, December 12, 2005.

Social and Recreational Programs

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Charlie Butler, Recreation Specialist for Montgomery County Department of Recreation, Julia Mack, Executive Director of Potomac Community Resources, Lesley Shear, Executive Director of Circle of Hope Therapeutic Riding, Inc., and Sarah Milner of Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

The presenters will speak on social and recreational programs and options available in Montgomery County for children and adults with disabilities.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, January 9, 2006.

Vocational and Life Skills Programs

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Roger Deason, Rehabilitation Supervisor with DORS, Colin Roberts, Rehabilitation Specialist with DORS, Michael D'Ovidio, Director of Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities, Bridges...From School to Work, Lisa Cuzzo from Montgomery Works One Stop Career Center

The presenters will provide information on vocational options for adults with disabilities such as employment assessments, employment adjustment training, job matching and placement, and supported employment.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, February 6, 2006.

Guardianship

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Barry Fierst, Esquire

Mr. Fierst is a well known attorney in private practice, and is experienced in working with people with disabilities and their families. Formerly, he was the Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes for nine years. Mr. Fierst will present information on guardianship.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, March 13, 2006.

Future and Estate Planning

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Len Cohen, Certified Financial Planner and a Chartered Life Underwriter, MetLife and MetDESK representative

Mr. Cohen is a representative for MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids (MetDESK). He has been providing financial advice and services to families in the Washington, D.C. and the metropolitan area since 1981.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, April 3, 2006.

Advance Health Care Directives and the 5 Wishes Document

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Margaret Hadley, Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice

Ms. Hadley will present information on Advance Health Care Directives and the importance of preparation with end of life wishes. Participants will receive a copy of the 5 Wishes document. Ms. Hadley will assist participants with a step by step look at 5 Wishes. Seating is limited to 25 participants. Registration is required.

To register for this seminar, please call 240-777-1216 by Monday, May 8, 2006.